U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner

TO: DIRECTORS, HOUSING DIVISION
DIRECTORS, MULTIFAMILY DIVISION
DIRECTORS, SINGLE FAMILY DIVISION

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MATERIALS RELEASE NO. 1295

March 23, 1998

REVIEW DATE: March 23, 2001

SUBJECT: L Product Cut Pile Carpet Made From Polyester Filament Yarn

2. Name and Address of Manufacturer

Mohawk Industries, Inc. P.O. Box 32, Route 1 Lyerly, GA 30730

Data on the nonstandard product, described herein have been reviewed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and determination has been made that it is considered suitable from a technical standpoint for the use indicated herein. This Release does not purport to establish a comparative quality or value rating for this product as compared to standard products normally used in the same manner.

This Materials Release cannot be used as an indication of endorsement, or approval by HUD of the described product, and any statement or representation, however made, indicating such approval or endorsement by HUD is unauthorized. See Code 18, U.S.C. 709.

Any reproduction of this Release must be in its entirety.

<u>USE</u>: Indoor, moderate traffic areas in single and multifamily housing.

DESCRIPTION:

This cut pile carpet is made from heat set plied filament polyester yarn. The primary and secondary backing is made from polypropylene.

REQUIREMENTS:

The carpet shall be in accordance with the latest edition of Use of Materials Bulletin (UM) No. 44e for Type I, Class 1, except that the heat set plied polyester filament yarn shall be a minimum of 15 denier. Carpet shall be used for moderate traffic in single and multifamily dwelling units. The minimum pile yarn weight shall be 24.4 oz. per square yard and the minimum density shall be 1,757 oz/yd³. The minimum yarn twist shall be 4.4 turns per inch. The carpet shall have a minimum rating of 3.0 when tested in accordance with the Carpet and Rug Institute (CRI), Test Method 100 "Creating Surface Appearance Changes in Carpet by Foot Traffic", and evaluated by CRI Standard 101 "Assessment of Surface Appearance Change Using the CRI Reference Scale".

GUARANTY:

Mohawk Industries, Inc. guarantees this carpet against defects in materials, poor performance or poor workmanship, under normal use for seven (7) years from the date of installation. Should any defect, poor workmanship, or poor performance occur, Mohawk Industries, Inc. shall make a pro rata allowance for the cost of replacements. For the purpose of this warranty, poor performance shall be defined as an unwalked sample having a rating below 3.0 when tested by CRI Test Method 100 and evaluated by CRI Standard 101.

MANUFACTURER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

Issuance of this Materials Release (MR) commits the manufacturer to fulfill, as a minimum, the following:

- 1. Produce, label and certify the material, product or system in strict accordance with the terms of this MR.
- 2. Provide necessary corrective action in a timely manner for all cases of justified complaint, poor performance or failure reported by HUD.
- 3. When requested, provide the Office of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, HUD Headquarters, with a representative list of properties, in which the material, product or system has been used, including complete addresses or descriptions of locations and dates of installation.
- 4. Inform HUD in advance of changes in production facilities, methods, design of the product, company name, ownership or mailing address.

EVALUATION:

This MR shall be valid for a period of three years from the date of initial issuance or most recent renewal or revision, whichever is later. The holder of this MR shall apply for a renewal or revision 90 days prior to the Review Date printed on this MR. Submittals for renewal or revision shall be sent to HUD Headquarters. Appropriate User Fee shall be sent to:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Technical Suitability of Products Fees P.O. Box 954199

St. Louis, MO 63195-4199

The holder of this MR may apply for revision at any time prior to the Review Date. Minor revisions may be in the form of a supplement to the MR.

If the Department determines that a proposed renewal or supplement constitutes a revision, the appropriate User Fee for a revision will need to be submitted in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations 24 CFR 200.934, "User Fee System for the Technical Suitability of Products Program," and current User Fee Schedule.

CANCELLATION:

Failure to apply for a renewal or revision shall constitute a basis for cancellation of this MR. HUD will notify the manufacturer that the MR may be canceled when:

- 1. conditions under which the document was issued have changed so as to affect production of, or to compromise the integrity of the accepted material, product, or system,
- the manufacturer has changed its organizational form without notifying HUD, or
- 3. the manufacturer has not complied with responsibilities it assumed as a condition of HUD's acceptance.

However, before cancellation, HUD will give the manufacturer a written notice of the specific reasons for cancellation, and the opportunity to present views on why the MR should not be canceled. No refund of fees will be made on a canceled document.